

# House File 291 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act prohibiting the establishment of a season to hunt  
2 mourning doves in the state and including effective date  
3 provisions.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 481A.48, subsection 1, Code 2013, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. A person, except as otherwise provided by law, shall  
4 not willfully disturb, pursue, shoot, kill, take or attempt to  
5 take, or have in possession any of the following game birds  
6 or animals except within the open season established by the  
7 commission: gray or fox squirrel, bobwhite quail, cottontail  
8 or jackrabbit, duck, snipe, pheasant, goose, woodcock,  
9 partridge, ~~mourning dove~~, coot, rail, ruffed grouse, wild  
10 turkey, pigeon, or deer. The seasons, bag limits, possession  
11 limits, and locality shall be established by the department or  
12 commission under the authority of sections 456A.24, 481A.38,  
13 and 481A.39.

14 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of  
15 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

16 EXPLANATION

17 This bill strikes language which authorizes the natural  
18 resource commission to establish a season for hunting mourning  
19 doves. The bill is effective upon enactment.